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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR	:	
DETECTING DIRECTION OF MEMBER	:	
HAVING OUTER PERIPHERY	:	
FORMED IN VERTICALLY	:	
ASYMMETRICAL SHAPE	:	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified national phase application in accordance with the amendments and remarks as set forth herein.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this document.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this document.